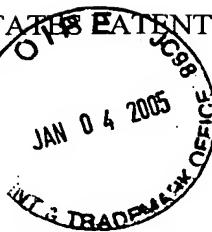


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- 3. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1-7 are attached hereto.
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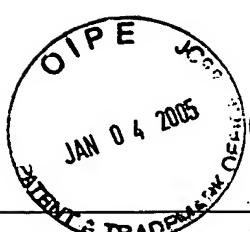
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